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FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence  
SUBJECT: EDIC Sponsored Briefing on High-Energy Fuels  
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1. The "Propellants Seminar" sponsored by EDIC was held on 13-14 June in the CIA Orientation Room in [REDACTED] 25X1A6a. According to all indications the seminar proved a considerable success. It appears that similar briefing sessions could usefully be held whenever intelligence officers and US officials with economic defense responsibilities need to be acquainted with new products or developments. It also points up the utility of EDIC as a coordinating forum.

2. All sessions of the seminar were well attended and both technical and general discussions were fruitful. In fact some of the discussions have had immediate repercussions on agency action on the boron negotiations and priority is being given to the preparation of the transcript in order to make available the new information requested by MDAC and others.

Both the Batelle Memorial Institute people, who made the presentation on liquid fuels on the first day of the seminar, and the SPIA group which presented the briefing on solid fuels and boron [REDACTED] and the SPIA group which presented the briefing on solid fuels and boron [REDACTED] on the second day of the seminar, can well equip with visual-aid material. SPIA prepared a comprehensive syllabus for their [REDACTED] presentation, including [REDACTED]

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which was furnished to seminar participants for a follow-up presentation. The Defense Department officials who had collaborated in organizing the seminar have expressed gratification with the leadership of EDIC and the ~~profession~~ of CIA facilities for this meeting.

3. The collaboration of various CIA components in implementing the seminar should receive full recognition. ORR not only provided the room facilities but arranged for making the tape recordings, and the other technical arrangements such as blackboards, lead ~~and~~ speakers, etc. The office of Physical Security arranged for a streamlined procedure for admitting seminar attendance to Central Building and the Cafeterias, with the receptionist performing most efficiently. The CIA motor pool provided ALL required transportation facilities (buses, etc.) on time and as needed on very short notice. The excellent performance of the projectionist assured smooth presentations on both days. The personnel of the Strategic Controls Support Branch of the ORR Economic Defense Division carried the principal organizational responsibilities for the seminar and particularly [REDACTED] a staff member of that branch and Secretary of the EDIC Working Group on Propellents and Fuel Additives.

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